

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Tuck, et al.  
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Examiner: Edward R. Cosimano  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$638.00 in payment for the addition of thirty-six (36) new claims. In the event that any additional fees are required for the prosecution of this application, please charge same to CARSTENS, YEE & CAHOON, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 50-0392. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is needed, the extension is requested, and please charge the fee for this extension to CARSTENS, YEE & CAHOON, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 50-0392.

In response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2000, the Applicant offers the following amendments and remarks:

***In the Drawings:***

Amended Figures 42, 58 and 61 (attached) are submitted as substitute drawings.

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